

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1676 – SB 1723**

February 27, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Extends the termination date of the Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (Commission) from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020. Outlines appointment methods for Commission members. Allows a new appointee to the Commission to begin serving when the General Assembly is not in session; provided the General Assembly confirms the nominee within 90 days after the General Assembly next convenes in regular session. Vacates and reappoints Commission members on July 1, 2018. Establishes term limits for the Commission's chair to two consecutive years.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013719):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: to change the qualifications for members which the Speakers of the House, Senate, and the Governor shall appoint; to allow an appointee to stay on the Commission when their qualifications change; and to specify that six members constitutes a quorum.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation extends the Commission one additional year without adjusting its funding level.
- According to the Department of Education (DOE), the Commission incurred expenditures of \$152,923 in FY16-17. Of this amount, \$63,356 went to reimbursements and stipends for textbook reviewers, with the remainder going to payroll for the DOE employees that staff the Commission.

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- The fiscal impact of revising the appointment process and qualifications for membership on the Commission is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact from changing the quorum requirements or allowing already appointed members to stay on the Commission when their qualifications change.
- No significant impact to local government operations.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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